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RESPONSE TO USPTO COMMUNICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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August 16, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the USPTO Communication dated July 20, 2004, the following supplemental remarks and election are respectfully submitted.

In the USPTO Communication, the Patent Examiner stated that applicants must elect, in addition to the elections stated in the Reply filed July 8, 2004, the following:

- [1] a specific "form" of the adsorbent (i.e. fiber, hollow fiber, beads, etc.);
- [2] a specific "water insoluble carrier" (i.e. agarose, dextran, ceramic coated with polystyrene, etc.); and

[3] a specific "substance" that is immobilized on the adsorbent.

With respect to item [1], applicants elect as the specific "form" of the adsorbent **beads**.

With respect to item [2], applicants elect as the specific "water insoluble carrier" **cellulose**.

With respect to item [3], applicants elect as the specific "substance" that is immobilized on the adsorbent **dextran sulfate**.

All of the above-noted supplemental elections are made with traverse. It is submitted that the reasons for this traversal correspond to the reasons indicated in connection with the traversal of the "Election Requirement" stated at page 5 of the Reply filed July 8, 2004, and are deemed repeated herein.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

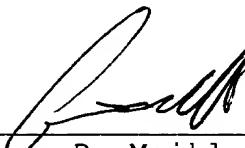
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required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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